

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-11, 13-16, and 18-22 are pending, no claims being cancelled and no claims being added herein. No amendments are made herein.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting.

Claims 1-11, 13-16, and 18-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in light of claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No: 5,723,291. Applicants provide herewith a Terminal Disclaimer thereby obviating this rejection.

Allowable subject matter.

Applicants note that, as stated by the Examiner, the only remaining issue is the double patenting rejection. With submission of the Terminal Disclaimer herewith, Applicants believe all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner seek to maintain the rejections, Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3513.

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